

# Tommy Douglas SS e-Newsletter



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### **OSSLT Assessment on April 19:**

Successful completion of the literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students in Grades 10, 11, and 12 who have not yet completed or were not successful last semester will write on April 19th. Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's online practice test. For more information about EQAO and to view the entire practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website [www.eqao.com](http://www.eqao.com)

### **Proposed School Year Calendar 2023-2024:**

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>

Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023

### **Every Student Counts Survey**

York Region District School Board will be engaging all students in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#). Students at TDSS will be completing the 20 minute online survey in their **period 2 class**.

- Monday May 1st: Grade 9
- Tuesday May 2nd: Grade 10
- Wednesday May 3rd: Grade 11
- Thursday May 4th: Grade 12

The survey is being conducted to better understand our student population and school communities and will also be available in multiple languages.

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Extensions

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Attendance 1

Guidance 3

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## Administration

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[Joe Giusto](#)

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Superintendent

[Otilia Olteanu](#)

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[Dr. Elizabeth Sinclair](#)



### School News and Information

#### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF GRADUATING STUDENTS**

##### **Grad Packages are Available for Purchase**

The grad package is ready for purchase. Please go to School Cash Online to pay for your child's package. The package includes their gown, stole, hat and the cost of the graduation venue. This year the cost is \$75. **This year's Graduation Ceremony will take place at The Terrace Banquet Hall, 680 Creditstone Rd, Concord, on June 27, 2023.** We ask that families purchase their child's grad package order as soon as possible.

##### **Grad Sweaters**

Grad sweaters are now available for purchase on School Cash Online.

##### **Review of Credit Summary and Courses Taken Outside of YRDSB**

All grade 12 students were given a copy of their credit counselling summary during our recent grad assembly. We have asked students to carefully review their credit counselling summary and to fill in the form found below. We have asked students to indicate if there are any discrepancies and to report any courses taken outside of YRDSB day school. All students must submit this form.

<https://forms.gle/D9yR9EgonLmuCxFv8>

#### **Important Dates**

**April 7th- School Closed Good Friday**

**April 10th- School Closed Easter Monday**

**April 19th - OSSLT Test**

**May 1-5th - Every Student Counts Survey**

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#### **Helpful Links**

##### **PUBLIC HEALTH LINKS:**

[york.ca/safeatschool](http://york.ca/safeatschool)

##### **CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:**

[Kids Help Phone](#)

[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

##### **SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:**

**Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:**

[310-COPE](#): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - available 24/7

[KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7



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### Extended Absences-

Regular attendance is closely connected to academic success and we expect that students will attend school every day except in the case of illness. However, we understand that there may be circumstances when it is necessary for students to be away from school for family or personal reasons. Extended vacations are not considered necessary. If a student will be absent for an extended period of time he/she must consult with their teachers, **at least two weeks** prior to the absence to

- Understand the potential impact of the extended absence on learning;
- Identify missed learning goals and assessments;
- Create a plan to complete missed work identified by the teacher. The student is responsible for catching up on all missed work during their absence;
- Schedule a time to complete/submit missed assessments upon return.
- Sign off on the plan- students are responsible for picking up an Extended Absence Form from the main office at least 2 weeks prior to an anticipated extended absence from school.
- ***A meeting with an Administrator may be scheduled if the absence is expected to interfere with the successful completion of a course.***

Absences longer than 15 consecutive days require additional documentation and procedures in accordance with Board Procedure #NP 681.0. Failure to follow these procedures will lead to a student being removed from the school's register. In these circumstances, please speak directly to an administrator prior to completion of this form.

**It should be noted that examinations or culminating assessments must be written on the scheduled dates at the time specified. A mark of "0" will be given if an examination or culminating assessment is not written on the scheduled date.**

### YRDSB Fragrance Policy

We have a number of staff and students at TDSS who have allergies and/or respiratory reactions to scented products. All staff, students and visitors are asked to refrain from or minimize the use of scented products, as they can result in adverse effects on the health of others. These products include: perfume, hair spray, lotion, body spray, air fresheners, aftershave and hand cream.

**Wishing all our families observing various religious holidays a happy celebration this weekend!**